

Stop Media Consolidation

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. In its goals to promote competition, diversity and localism in today's media market, I strongly believe that the FCC should retain all of the current media ownership rules now in question. These rules serve the public interest by limiting the market power of already huge companies in the broadcast industry.

The negative impact that media consolidation has had on this country and democracy cannot be understated. It is sad that I have get my news from outside this country in order to get a non-bias, non-corporate picture of world and national events. Information flow is vital to the healthy functioning of a democracy. Without it, the citizens cannot make thoughtful and well informed decisions regarding the direction the country moves in. This new rule will allow even more consolidation within my community, where I and my fellow residents are already misinformed about local events.

With the serious impact these rule changes will have on our democracy, it is incumbent on the Commission to take the time to review these issues more thoroughly and allow the American people to have a meaningful say in the process.

Thank you,

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